

FORT MONMOUTH ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION PLANNING AUTHORITY

SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SSAC)

MINUTES FOR PUBLIC MEETING AUGUST 7TH,2007

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anna Dowling

Rose Estephan

Rick Harrison

Lynn Miller, Director, County of Monmouth, Department, Department of Human Services

VIA TELEPHONE:

Todd Poole, Projector Manager, FMERPA Consultant EDAW

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Laurie Cannon

John Colfer

Russell Valenti

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

Diane Canterbury (FMERPA Project Manager)

Tom Mahedy

Philip Welch

John Yaecker

Linda Zocaró

The meeting took place at the FMERPA offices and began at 3:10

AGENDA:

- Welcome
- Roll Call / Attendance
- Chairpersons Comments
- Rick Harrison: Update on Process, Camillus House
- EDAW: Consultant, Todd Poole
- Review of PBC's
- Tour of Fort Monmouth for PBC and NOI Evaluation

- August 14th, 2007, 8:30 (SSAC only)
- Comments
- Next meeting: Tuesday, August 21, 2007
- Adjournment

Chairperson, Rose Estephan, discussed the importance of disseminating accurate information.

Rick Harrison gave an update on the process and specifically Camillus House. As of now the specifics about the Homeless Assistance NOI's can not be shared with the public. Pending counsel of the new FMERPA BRAC Attorney.

Frank Cosentino and Rick Harrison attended a conference in Miami Beach that was extremely informative and helpful. They sat in on several homeless seminars. They also met with Linda Charrest from HUD.

Rick reviewed what he learned about Camillus House, the largest homeless provider in Miami-Dade County, Florida. He also discussed homeless accommodations on the closed Homestead Air Force Base. He discussed how they fund these facilities through hospitality taxes on restaurants and bars.

Todd Poole the project manager for FMERPA. Reviewed what has been done. He discussed the deadline of December 8, 2007. He discussed the need to understand land use, services, etc before making decision about homeless issues, affordable housing etc. It is necessary to understand context before we can fully plan and put together framework. A market study, a land use analysis, getting information from the public, etc. is necessary in order to formulate a plan.

Once the final plan is accepted by FMERPA it goes to HUD for approval then to the Department of the Army for ultimate disposal.

There is a possibility that an extension will be requested for submittal of final plan beyond the December 8th, 2007 deadline.

We began to review PBC's. The PBC from ARC was temporarily removed. We are not sure whether it should be considered a homeless assistance NOI or a PBC NOI. Need clarification.

The PBC received from the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee cannot be accepted as an NOI or PBC as it does not meet the criteria nor does it ask for any property conveyance. It does look for services to be provided which could be housed in a building that could be involved in other NOIs. The committee will keep this request in

mind when making decisions regarding other NOIs. We appreciate the submission from Lillian Burry's committee and support the needs expressed in their submittal.

The next SSAC meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2007 at 3:00P.M. at the FMERPA offices.

The tour of requested facilities included in the NOI's and PBC's at Fort Monmouth will be August 14th, 2007 at 8:10A.M.

Tom Mahedy, member of the public, made an observation that he felt that the public was not encouraged to make comments at this advisory committee meeting. Rick Harrison explained that the advisory committee public meetings allow for public attendance and observation but did not carry an obligation or specific agenda item for public comments, as these are working meetings and no official business or action can be conducted. The once a month public meetings of FMERPA allow for public input. The SSAC does allow, and has engaged in open interactive discussion with members of the public in attendance and in fact has had them right at the table with the members however a distinction has to be made between committee members who are from the public and members of the public observing the meetings. While input is typically welcome, it is up to the chairs and members of the committee to decide how much public participation will be allowed at any meeting. Public input should not be allowed to interfere with the process and work being done.

The meeting concluded at 5:00P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Estephan